GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1483
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INDO-CHINA TALKS ON MILITARY EXCHANGE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level military to military exchanges between India and China has been resumed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made to resolve the outstanding unresolved issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1483 1.8.2001.

After China suspended military-to-military level exchanges with India following our nuclear blasts in Pokhran in May, 1998, such exchanges have been resumed from May, 2000. These exchanges are part of the existing Confidence Building Measures and have contributed to the improvement of bilateral relations between the two countries.

2. These military-to-military exchanges are in the nature of goodwill visits and no formal discussions are usually held during such visits to resolve outstanding issues between the two countries. The Joint Working Groups/Expert Groups of the two countries hold regular discussions through diplomatic channels to resolve outstanding issues.